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In re application of:

Sun Ai Raillard, et al.

Application No.: 09/920,452

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: NUCLEOTIDE INCORPORATING ENZYMES

Examiner: Richard G. Hutson

Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003, Applicants request consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time authorizing the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is enclosed. The petition thus effectively extends the period of response from April 22, 2003 to October 22, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this submission.